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 A S S E M B L E D,  
 TO HIS EXCELLENCY  
**JOHN-JEFFRIES EARL CAMDEN,**  
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Die Martis, 18<sup>o</sup> Octobris, 1796<sup>o</sup>.

**I**T is ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, that the Address of this House, of the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant, presented on Saturday last to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and His Excellency's Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed and published, and that the Clerk of this House do appoint the printing thereof.

John Gayer, D<sup>y</sup> Cler<sup>y</sup> Parl<sup>y</sup>.

*BY* Virtue of the foregoing Order, I do appoint William Sleater, to print the said Address and Answer, and do forbid any other Person or Persons to print the same.

John Gayer, D<sup>y</sup> Cler<sup>y</sup> Parl<sup>y</sup>.



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TO HIS EXCELLENCY  
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

**W**E His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your excellent Speech made this Day from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament.

**W**E cannot sufficiently express our Gratitude to His Majesty for continuing to us a Chief Governor so eminently distinguished as well by his amiable and domestic Virtues as by his Public Firmness Uprightness and Ability.

**W**E thank your Excellency for communicating to us in His Majesty's Name, that the Enemy threaten a Descent on this Kingdom and Great Britain. This Intimation less calculated to alarm than to excite our Feelings, will stimulate us to evince that Loyalty and Spirit in which we trust His Majesty fully relies: We shall neglect no Precaution for preventing or defeating all hostile Attacks which may be attempted, and we doubt not they will quickly terminate in the Confusion of our Enemies.

**W**E



WE beg leave to acknowledge your Excellency's Attention to our Security, in procuring an additional Supply of Regular Troops from Great Britain, and in encouraging the zealous and loyal Disposition which is so universally displayed to associate in Arms under His Majesty's Authority. Such Exertions if continued with Perseverance will enable us to repel any Attack with the surest Prospect of Success, and will preserve internal Tranquillity, and give additional Security to Property.

YOUR Excellency has afforded us great Satisfaction by announcing to us that His Majesty has opened a Way for an immediate and direct Negotiation, and that it is His Intention to send a Person to Paris with full Powers to treat for the Restoration of General Peace.

THE Conduct and Disposition of the Court of Spain which at present wears so hostile an Appearance will we trust be satisfactorily explained when your Excellency shall be enabled to disclose the Result of the Discussions respecting them. If in this Instance we admire His Majesty's Moderation and Forbearance we are at the same Time ready to vindicate the Dignity the Rights and the Interests of the Empire against every Aggression.

WHEN we reflect that the vast and extensive Commerce of His Majesty's Kingdoms have been protected during the present Year in a Degree almost beyond Example we cannot but admire the Spirit and Exertions which so eminently distinguish His Majesty's Navy. Nor can we pass without a peculiar Mark of Applause the Conduct of the Squadron stationed on the Coasts of this Kingdom which has defeated every Effort of the Enemy against our Trade with such successful Vigilance and Intrepidity.

WHEN your Excellency points our Attention to the Success of His Majesty's Arms in the East and West Indies, we see that the Exertions of His Forces by Sea and Land are there also conspicuous, productive of real Glory to themselves and of great Advantages to the Empire.

IT is a real Source of Satisfaction to us to reflect on the honorable and dignified Conduct of the Emperor and the invincible Gallantry of the Austrian Armies under the Command of the Arch-Duke Charles. Their Steadiness and Valour have wrought a material Change in the Aspect of Affairs and we trust that the final Issue of the Campaign not less disastrous to France than its Commencement was flattering, will facilitate His Majesty's Endeavours to procure an honorable and lasting Peace for Himself and His Allies.



THE Cessation of Outrage which has in general taken Place in consequence of the vigorous Measures we adopted in the last Session affords us real Satisfaction. We lament however with your Excellency that good Order has not been universally restored; and we cannot but feel a just Resentment against that System of Confederation under secret and unlawful Oaths which has spread itself in some Districts of the Kingdom. And as we are assured that no Means have been left untried by your Excellency to counteract the Instigators of Disaffection it becomes us to encrease our Vigilance and to aid your Excellency's Endeavours with proportionate Energy.

THE Agriculture, the Manufactures, the Commerce of the Kingdom which have been recommended to our Attention by your Excellency will be the Objects of our peculiar Care: The Protestant Charter Schools and other Institutions of Education and Charity, which have been usually succoured by National Benevolence will also receive at a proper Time their due Encouragement.

WE cannot but feel the strongest Incitement to exert ourselves for the Advancement of national Prosperity when we reflect that even under the Pressure of War our Resources remain unimpaired. This fortunate Situation of our Country is an evident Proof that the Measures of Government have been wisely directed to the true Interests of the Kingdom.

WE look forward to the early Attainment of an honorable and permanent Peace from the Steps which His Majesty has taken to secure that most desirable Event. If any sinister Views shall defeat His benevolent Purposes, His Majesty may rest assured of our Readiness to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in support of His Crown and Dignity. And we doubt not that a brave and loyal People will enable your Excellency to frustrate every hostile Attack and maintain the Kingdom in Peace and Security.

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*To which ADDRESS His EXCELLENCY has been pleased to return  
the following ANSWER :*

MY LORDS,

I RETURN your Lordships my most sincere and grateful Thanks for this Address.

It will be my highest Ambition to endeavour by a faithful discharge of my Duty to retain the Continuance of that Approbation, which is so eminently flattering to me.



